REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the examiner's indication that claims 5, 6, 8-10, 16, 17, 19-21, and 31-44 are allowed.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 7, 11-14, and 18 under several grounds. While Applicant does not agree with any of the Examiner's rejections, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-3 and 11 obviating Examiner's rejection to expedite prosecution of this application. Applicant has amended claim 7 to depend from allowable claim 5. Applicant has also amended claims 12-14 to depend from allowable claim 9. Finally, Applicant has amended claim 18 to depend from allowable claim 16.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant submits that pending claims 5-10, 12-14, 16-21, and 31-44 are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance.

In the event that the examiner has questions related to this Amendment, or to the application in the general, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to address those questions in a telephone interview to expedite the prosecution of this application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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